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1. BRO REQUESTS DEA HEADQUARTERS TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TEXT SOONEST FOR INFORMATION REGION 7. CHICAGO OFFICE, ATTENTION GROUP LEADER, TIMOTHY SACK.

2. THE FOLLOWING RELEASE APPEARED IN THE NATION NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED AT BANGKOK ON FRIDAY MORNING, 22 FEBRUARY 1974.

HEADLINE: GROUND HOSTESS CAUGHT WITH SIX MILLION BAHT

HEROIN" TEXT QUOTED VERBATIM AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

NARCOTICS AGENTS AND AIRPORT CUSTOMS OFFICIALS

YESTERDAY MORNING INTERCEPTED TWO CARTONS OF DUNHILL

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CIGARETTES STUFFED WITH HEROIN WORTH MORE THAN SIX MILLION

BAHT WHICH A THAI INTERNATIONAL GROUND HOSTESS TRIED TO
SMUGGLE ON BOARD THE COPENHAGEN-BOUND PLANE.

THE HEROIN, WEIGHING MORE THAN 1,000 GRAMMERS,
IS OF THE NO 4 TYPE WHICH IS CURRENTLY POPULAR ON THE
WORLD MARKET.

GROUND HOSTESS ORAWAN ADTHAVUDH WAS ARRESTED BY
NARCOTICS AGENTS WHO SPOTTED HER STUFFING THE TWO CARTONS
OF CIGARETTES INTO A BAG OF A PASSENGER WHO HAD ALREADY
CLEARED THE CUSTOMS.

POLICE LATER LED A RAID AT HER HOUSE IN SOI WAT
DEEDUAD ON CHARAN SANITWONG ROAD, THE RAID WAS SUCH A
SURPRISE THAT THE GROUND HOSTESS' SISTER COULD NOT FINISH
FLUSHING THE REMAINING HEROIN DOWN THE TOILET.

MRS. SOPHA RUCHIROTE WAS ALSO ARRESTED. POLICE
TOOK SAMPLES OF THE TOILET WATER FOR EXAMINATION.

POLICE NABBED THE GROUND HOSTESS AFTER HAVING
WATCHED HER FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. POLICE ALSO FOUND
EVIDENCE ON CONNECTION BETWEEN THAI HEROIN DEALERS AND
AMERICAN AGENTS IN CHICAGO WHILE THEY WERE KEEPING HER
UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

MISS ORAWAN INITIALLY ADMITTED TO PEDDLING CHARGES,
POLICE CLAIMED BUT REFUSED TO ANSWER FURTHER QUESTIONS.

EACH CIGARETTE PACKET CARRIED ABOUT 50 GRAMMERS OF
HEROIN POWDER, END QUOTE
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